MEMORANDUM - OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Michael Branley, Town Administrator

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: July 24, 2014

CC:

Next Board of Selectmen meeting Monday 7/28 at 6:30 p.m.

This week I worked on the June budget report and the 2nd quarter financial report which I sent out to you under separate cover. We will discuss this a bit on Monday with the Budget Advisory Committee. I also wrote up an article for next month's issue of the Francestown News to update residents on some of the major things we have accomplished so far this year and have on our plate in the near future.

On Wednesday Gary, Abigail, and I met with a representative from the Department of Environmental Services who is reviewing our permit application in light of our request for an expedited review. The meeting went very well and he indicated that he would indeed recommend an expedited review.

I spoke to Andrew Grant and he said he planned to do the tree work at the Town Offices and Town Common this Friday and Saturday. On Thursday I spoke to Jay St. Jean and he indicated that the East Road lot (former Demetry property) may be a better option for traditional marketing rather than an auction, based on its need for a specific type of interested buyer. You can discuss on Monday if you would like to continue with the auction or explore other options. I have drafted the contracts for our painting work and will meet with the successful company on Monday.

I touched base with Dave Marazoff on Thursday and he is planning to have preliminary assessment values for you to take a look at on Monday and the opportunity for you to provide him with comments before the initial values get sent out. He will then have the informal hearings with taxpayers within the next few weeks.